

STRATEGIC WORKFORCE INVESTMENTS

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Ann Millner

House Sponsor: Val L. Peterson

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill provides for strategic workforce investments.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms; and
- ▶ establishes a process for investing strategically in workforce development through the development of stackable credentials.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates:

- ▶ to the Legislature - Strategic Workforce Investments, as an ongoing appropriation:
 - from the Education Fund, \$5,000,000; and
- ▶ to the Governor's Office of Economic Development, as an ongoing appropriation:
 - from the General Fund, \$50,000.

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

53B-26-101, Utah Code Annotated 1953

53B-26-102, Utah Code Annotated 1953

53B-26-103, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **53B-26-101** is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 26. STRATEGIC WORKFORCE INVESTMENT

53B-26-101. Title.

This chapter is known as "Strategic Workforce Investment."

Section 2. Section **53B-26-102** is enacted to read:

53B-26-102. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

(1) "College of applied technology" means:

(a) a college described in Section [53B-2a-105](#);

(b) the School of Applied Technology at Salt Lake Community College established under Section [53B-16-209](#);

(c) Utah State University Eastern established under Section [53B-18-1201](#); or

(d) the Snow College Richfield campus established under Section [53B-16-205](#).

(2) "CTE" means career and technical education.

(3) "CTE Region" means an economic service area created in Section [35A-2-101](#).

(4) "Eligible partnership" means a partnership:

(a) between at least two of the following:

(i) a college of applied technology;

(ii) a school district or charter school; or

(iii) an institution of higher education; and

(b) that provides educational services within the same CTE region.

(5) "Employer" means a private employer, public employer, industry association, the military, or a union.

(6) "Industry advisory group" means:

(a) a group of at least five employers that represent the strategic industry cluster that a proposal submitted under Section [53B-26-103](#) is responsive to; and

(b) a representative of the Governor's Office of Economic Development, appointed by the executive director of the Governor's Office of Economic Development.

(7) "Institution of higher education" means the University of Utah, Utah State

59 University, Southern Utah University, Weber State University, Snow College, Dixie State
60 University, Utah Valley University, and Salt Lake Community College.

61 (8) "Stackable sequence of credentials" means a sequence of credentials that:
62 (a) an individual can build upon to access an advanced job or higher wage;
63 (b) is part of a career pathway system;
64 (c) provides a pathway culminating in the equivalent of an associate's or bachelor's
65 degree;

66 (d) facilitates multiple exit and entry points; and

67 (e) recognizes sub-goals or momentum points.

68 Section 3. Section **53B-26-103** is enacted to read:

69 **53B-26-103. GOED reporting requirement -- Proposals -- Funding.**

70 (1) The Governor's Office of Economic Development shall publish, on a biannual
71 basis, a report detailing the high demand technical jobs projected to support economic growth
72 in high need strategic industry clusters, including:

73 (a) aerospace and defense;

74 (b) energy and natural resources;

75 (c) financial services;

76 (d) life sciences;

77 (e) outdoor products;

78 (f) software development and information technology; or

79 (g) any other strategic industry cluster designated by the Governor's Office of
80 Economic Development.

81 (2) To receive funding under this section, an eligible partnership shall submit a
82 proposal containing the elements described in Subsection (3) to the Legislature:

83 (a) on or before July 1, 2016, for fiscal year 2017; or

84 (b) on or before January 5 for fiscal year 2018 and any succeeding fiscal year.

85 (3) The proposal shall include:

86 (a) a program of study that:

87 (i) is responsive to the workforce needs of the CTE region in a high need strategic
88 industry cluster as identified by the Governor's Office of Economic Development under

89 Subsection (1);

90 (ii) leads to the attainment of a stackable sequence of credentials; and
91 (iii) includes a non-duplicative progression of courses that include both academic and
92 CTE content;

93 (b) expected student enrollment, attainment rates, and job placement rates;
94 (c) evidence of input and support for the proposal from an industry advisory group;

95 (d) evidence of an official action in support of the proposal from:

96 (i) the Utah College of Applied Technology Board of Trustees, if the eligible
97 partnership includes a college described in Section 53B-2a-105; or

98 (ii) the Board of Regents, if the eligible partnership includes:

99 (A) an institution of higher education; or

100 (B) a college described in Subsection 53B-26-102(1)(b), (c), or (d); and

101 (e) a funding request, including justification for the request.

102 (4) The Legislature shall:

103 (a) review a proposal submitted under this section using the following criteria:

104 (i) the proposal contains the elements described in Subsection (3);

105 (ii) support for the proposal is widespread within the CTE region; and

106 (iii) the proposal expands the capacity to meet regional workforce needs; and

107 (b) determine the extent to which to fund the proposal.

108 **Section 4. Appropriation.**

109 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, for
110 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following sums of money
111 are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated, or reduced from amounts
112 previously appropriated, out of the funds or amounts indicated. These sums of money are in
113 addition to amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2017.

114 Item 1 To the Legislature - Strategic Workforce Investments

115 From Education Fund

\$5,000,000

116 Schedule of Programs:

117 Strategic Workforce Investments

\$5,000,000

118 The Legislature intends that appropriations under Item 1:

119 (1) for fiscal year 2017, be allocated under the direction of the Executive

120 Appropriations Committee in accordance with Subsection 53B-26-103(4);

121 (2) for fiscal year 2018, and any succeeding fiscal year, be allocated under the direction
122 of the Executive Appropriations Committee with input from the Higher Education
123 Appropriations Subcommittee in accordance with Subsection 53B-26-103(4); and
124 (3) under Section 63J-1-603, not lapse at the close of fiscal year 2017.
125 Item 2 To the Governor's Office of Economic Development - Administration
126 From General Fund \$50,000
127 Schedules of Programs:
128 Administration \$50,000
129 The Legislature intends that appropriations under Item 2:
130 (1) be used to meet the requirement described in Subsection 53B-25-103(1); and
131 (2) under Section 63J-1-603, not lapse at the close of fiscal year 2017.

Legislative Review Note
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